

*Extension of Hours*

**Mr. Simmons:** Is he afraid of the answer?

● (1700)

**The Acting Speaker (Mr. Corbin):** Order, please. The Chair would like to deal first of all with the point raised by the Hon. Member for Burin-St. George's (Mr. Simmons). The Chair has no choice but to apply the Standing Orders and provisional rules. The Chair informed the House that the time had elapsed. However, the Chair is patient and it sought unanimous consent, but the House did not grant unanimous consent and the Chair has to live with that decision. We must now proceed to debate and the Chair has recognized the Hon. Member for Bow River (Mr. Taylor) in debate. However, I did see the Hon. Member for Winnipeg-Birds Hill (Mr. Blaikie) rising on another point of order.

**Mr. Blaikie:** On the same point of order, Mr. Speaker, I want to make it clear that I did not stand in the way of the Hon. Member responding to the question.

**Mr. Ethier:** Your colleague said no.

**Mr. Blaikie:** I think the Hon. Member was wrong when he suggested—

**The Acting Speaker (Mr. Corbin):** That is debate. The Hon. Member for Bow River.

**Mr. Gordon Taylor (Bow River):** Mr. Speaker, the first point I would like to make is that I hope the Hon. Member for Burin-St. George's (Mr. Simmons) knows more about fishing for cod than he does about farming in western Canada. I hope the Hon. Member for Winnipeg-Birds Hill would just stick to the facts a little instead of misrepresenting them so badly.

**Mr. Blaikie:** I did. I brought out the ultimate fact of what is going on here.

**Mr. Taylor:** Those people want me to come and join them. I didn't think they cared.

**Mr. Deans:** Believe me.

**Mr. Taylor:** Mr. Speaker, it will be a long, long time, with a green moon in the sky, before I join the socialists. I am a free enterpriser.

**Some Hon. Members:** Hear, hear!

**Mr. Taylor:** I believe in free enterprise. It is what made this country and will continue to make this country. The sooner we can get back to free enterprise principles without the shackles the Liberals put on it, the faster we will be on our way.

**Some Hon. Members:** Hear, hear!

**Mr. Taylor:** Mr. Speaker, the Hon. Member for Burin-St. George's was speaking so lovingly about more hours. If I spent as few hours in the House as he does I would not mind extended hours either.

**Some Hon. Members:** Oh, oh!

**Mr. Taylor:** I say to the Government House Leader that when the extended hours go into effect, if they do, I hope we will have a Government quorum in the House. If I was a betting man I would wager now that between six and eight there will be only a handful of Liberals here. There is a handful of faithfuls who stay and go without their dinner. There are not too many on this side of the House who stay and go without dinner either.

I would like to make a suggestion to the Government House Leader. I do not mind working overtime and I will not be extending my hours—

**The Acting Speaker (Mr. Corbin):** Order, please. The Hon. Member for Burin-St. George's on a point of order.

**Mr. Simmons:** Mr. Speaker, my bosom pal from Bow River now misleads the House when he says that he is here more than I. He knows that in the last week alone he and I have each given four or five speeches. He knows that I am here at least as much as he is even though I am not paid as a Deputy Whip, as he is.

**Some Hon. Members:** Hear, hear!

**Mr. Taylor:** The Hon. Member is partly right, except that after he makes a speech he suddenly disappears. I stay after I make my speech and listen to the others.

**Some Hon. Members:** Hear, hear!

**Mr. Taylor:** However, I do not want to spend my time arguing that point. I would like to make a suggestion to the Government House Leader. I think we would do better work if we stopped between six and seven o'clock, and Members went and had a bit of dinner and then came back and worked until 11 or 11.30. I think that would be a good, common-sense thing to do. Otherwise it simply means that some will stay here without having their dinner. I do not mind doing that if it is necessary, but I think we would do better work if we stopped at six o'clock and had 45 minutes or an hour for dinner and then came back until 11 or 11.30. It is just a suggestion, I am not going to make any motion, but I think it would be good common sense.

**Some Hon. Members:** Leader!

**Mr. Pinard:** Mr. Speaker, if the Hon. Member's House Leader had made that suggestion to me, I would have considered it very seriously.

**Some Hon. Members:** Hear, hear!

**Mr. Taylor:** Mr. Speaker, the extended hours are not really going to mean anything to me except that I will spend more hours in this place than I do now. I come here at eight o'clock in the morning and I go home at 10.30 or 11 o'clock at night. I still do not get all my work done because I spend a lot of hours in the House and there is a lot of office work to do, as every Hon. Member knows. I am not saying that I do this and others do not, not at all. I think every Hon. Member wants to get the